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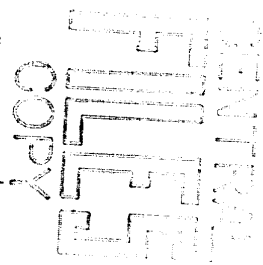
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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. FOIA b3-
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Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

28 March 1943

More Important Reports

(1) In radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet, a message of 25 March between two unidentified radio stations once again confirmed the First Flight Transport Division (compare Daily Report 14 February, 18-19 March, NAL 15 February, 20 March).

(2) The following addressee was contained in a message of 25 March from Moscow to Tiflis: "Krasnodar, to Zegedin, to Alekhin," Zegedin is known as the commander of the 9th Flight Regiment and Alekhin is likewise a member of the 9th Flight Regiment. The location of the 9th Flight Regiment is considered to be Krasnodar (compare Daily Report of 18 and 19 March).

(3) According to a few reports from Tiflis, the Council of the People's Commissars for Georgia allotted no fuel in March and refused each delivery.

Personnel Situation

(4) The following number of trade students were transferred to the following NKRF offices for practical training:

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Trade</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Transferred From</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| NKRF Gorkij | Ship mechanics | 594 | Technical School, Rybinsk |
| | Ship pilots | 201 | Tech. School, Gorkij |
| | Ship mechanics | 80 | Tech. School, Gorkij |
| | Radio technicians | 64 | Tech. School, Gorkij |
| | Electrical technicians | 56 | Tech. School, Gorkij |
| Plant "Molotov" in Gorkij | Technicians | 36 | Tech. School, Rybinsk |
| Plant "Teplokhod" in Gorkij | Technicians | 27 | Tech. School, Rybinsk |
| NKRF Kostroma | Shipbuilders | 64 | Tech. School, Gorkij |
| | Shipbuilders | 20 | Tech. School, Rybinsk |
| NKRF Ufa | Ship pilots | 17 | Tech. School, Molotov |
| | Ship mechanics | 28 | Tech. School, Molotov |

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| <u>Office</u> | <u>Trade</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Transferred From</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| NKRF Irkutsk | Ship pilots | 21 | Tech. School, Krasnoyarsk |
| | Ship mechanics | 18 | Tech. School, Krasnoyarsk |
| NKRF Kujbyshev | Stokers | 85 | |
| | Ship machinists | 100 | |
| | Ship motor pilots | 30 | |
| | Pilots | 40 | |
| | Communications assemblers | 10 | |
| | Additional workers | 40 | |

Material Supply

- (5) Volsk NKRF is to ship 150 tons of cement to "Volgatanker."
- (6) The Electrical Sales in Omsk will deliver 5,000 incandescent bulbs to NKRF Omsk.
- (7) Novosibirsk NKRF will receive 35 tons of cord from Barnaul including 10 tons which are to be shipped to the Amu-Darya Steamship Agency.
- (8) Zelenga Steamship Agency will receive one carload of glass.
- (9) Uralsk NKRF will receive 2 1/2 tons of explosive materials for ice-breaking work.

Metal Supply

- (10) Syzran NKRF is to deliver 54 tons of steel plate and round steel to Plant #81.
- (11) Saratov NKRF will deliver 1/2 ton of steel nails to the Oblast' Road Directorate in Krasnoyarsk.
- (12) Stalingrad NKRF will receive 15 tons of roofing sheet from Batraki.

Oil Supply

Tiflis

- (13) The prosecuting authority received no fuel allotment for March.
- (14) "Tsentrilit Plant" reports that the Georgian State Plan discontinued the authorization of fuel. The Central Committee requests the Chief Directorate

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for the Machine Tool Industry in Moscow for the immediate authorization of the allotment for March of 2 tons of gasoline and 2 tons of petroleum.

(15) On 20 March the Road Directorate received 10 tons of gasoline, 2 tons of ligroin and 2 tons of petroleum; on hand, 10 tons of gasoline, 7 tons of ligroin, 27 tons of petroleum and 20 tons of oil.

(16) Gudauty reports that the Georgian Council of the NK received no petroleum authorization. Because of the lack of petroleum the spring harvest cannot be carried out. Gudauty requests the NK for the Food Industry to authorize 0.25 ton of gasoline and 3 tons of Avtol.

Timber Supply

(17) In 1943 Ufa NKRF has to transport the following quantities of timber according to plan:

| | <u>In the Entire Navigation Period</u> | <u>In the 2nd Quarter</u> |
|----------|--|---------------------------|
| By rafts | 200,000 tons | 100,000 tons |
| By ships | 16,000 tons | 6,000 tons |

(18) The following will be received from the Chief Directorate for Timber Supply in Gorkij in April:

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| The ship repair yard "Teplokhod" in Mkhovye Gory | 5 cars sawdust packing |
| The ship repair yard "25 October" in Ufa | 4 cars sawdust packing |

(19) Kujbyshev NKRF has to transport the following quantities of timber according to the 1943 plan:

| | <u>In the Entire Navigation Period</u> | <u>In the 2nd Quarter</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| By raft for the Timber Combine | 24,000 tons | 12,000 tons |
| By raft for NKRF | 15,000 tons | 15,000 tons |
| By ship for NKRF | 12,000 tons | 10,000 tons |
| From Kujbyshev Oblast' | --- | 500 cu. meters |
| From Saratov Oblast' | --- | 2,000 cu. meters |

(20) The Chief Directorate for Timber Supply in Ivanovsk-Izhevsk delivered in March:

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| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| To NKRF Kujbyshev | Sawdust packing | 4 cars |
| To NKRF Saratov | Sawdust packing | 4 cars |
| and for April | Sawdust packing | 4 cars |

Production

(21) The shipyard in Borovaya ranks among the leading enterprises on the basis of its March performance.

(22) The shipyard in Solkolskoe-Ivanovskoe has become one of the leading enterprises on the basis of its March performance.

(23) The shipyard in Gorodets must improve its performance in ship-building.

(24) The shipyard in Raznezhe has been mentioned with respect to good performance in March.

(25) NKRF Kamyshin received no deliveries of fuel, brick, tar and other material. Only 6% of the requirements of mazut are on hand. These shortages can lead to the complete shutting down of the workshops.

(26) The NKRF plant in Kujbyshev completed only 26 of 50 boats which were ordered.

(27) The locomobile factory in Syzran is to build 175 horsepower locomobiles instead of 120 horsepower.

(28) Novosibirsk NKRF did not fulfill the work plan for the repair of the dock and other installations.

Miscellaneous

(29) Stalingrad NKRF has no typewriters. Also lacking are other office machines.

(30) For good work performance, the following bonuses were paid in February:

| | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------|
| Ufa | To members of the Steamship Agency in Ufa | 1 month's wages |
| Kujbyshev | Crew of the ship "Manychstroj" | 15,000 rubles |
| Chistopol | Crew of the ship "Moscow" | 5,000 rubles |
| Uralsk | Crew of the ship "Zlet" | 5,000 rubles |
| Kujbyshev | Crew of the ship "Lomonosov" | 5,000 rubles |